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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM VINE

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SUBJECT: MODE DECISION PAPER: CLOSING ICA OFFICES IN
TORONTO AND VANCOUVER

1. FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EUR/CAN, YOUR EMBASSY, AND ICA DATING FROM NOVEMBER, 1977, GEORGE VEST IS PREPARED TO DECIDE THAT ICA OFFICERS IN TORONTO AND VANCOUVER WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR THE PRESENT AND THEIR PERFORMANCE MONITORED OVER A MORE EXTENSIVE PERIOD. THIS WOULD HOLD OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING VANCOUVER IN MID-1979 AND TORONTO IN MID-1980 WHEN THE PRESENT BPAO'S ARE SCHEDULED FOR TRANSFER.

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2. IT IS OUR INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. HOWEVER, YOUR MOST RECENT WRITTEN COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT (OTTAWA 01397, MARCH 2,1978) RECOMMENDS CLOSING ICA OFFICES IN TORONTO AND VANCOUVER AND CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPENSATING "ROVING" AMERICAN POSITION OPERATING OUT OF OTTAWA.

3. EUR'S RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE EMBASSY AND ICA MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE REMAINING PERIODS OF THE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE PRESENT INCUMBENTS AND REPORT RESPECTIVE

VIEWS AT THE TIME REPLACEMENT DECISIONS MUST BE MADE. THIS WOULD PROVIDE A FAIRER BASE PERIOD ON WHICH TO JUDGE THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE A MESSAGE FROM YOU CONFIRMING THAT YOU AGREE WITH THE EUR RECOMMENDATION PARA 3 ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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